

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 5, 2007

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to support the request of North Dakota's Governor for a major disaster declaration to respond to severe storms that impacted 11 counties in the eastern part of the state.

Repeated storms have persisted over the Northern Plains resulting in severe weather from early May through mid June. The storms produced precipitation that was double and sometimes triple the normal levels for parts of this area of the state. In fact, some areas experienced the fifth wettest period on record for this time of year. Excessive rainfall coupled with overland flooding, hail, and high winds resulted in more than \$1.5 million in damages according to the Preliminary Damage Assessments. The majority of these damages were sustained by our public infrastructure including roads, bridges, and water control facilities.

North Dakota has been hit hard by multiple disasters over the past decade, which has taken a toll on state, local, and tribal resources. This year's disaster is beyond the state's ability to respond, and we urge you to quickly approve the request of the Governor.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any additional information you may find helpful in fulfilling this request.

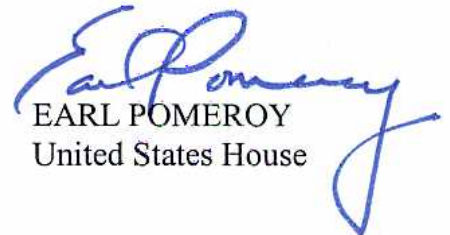
Sincerely,



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